

What is Claimed is:

1. A system for metering permit mail, said system comprising:
means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;
5 and
means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or within
the vicinity of the postal indicia.
2. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein said first and second means are in
10 different locations.
3. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-printed information is printed with
a dual luminescent ink.
- 15 4. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the variable information is printed with a
dual luminescent ink.
5. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-printed information is printed with
a fluorescent ink.
- 20 6. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the variable information is printed with a
phosphorescent ink.

7. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-printed information is printed with a phosphorescent ink.

8. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein the variable information is printed with a fluorescent ink.

9. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink.

10. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a non-luminescent ink

11. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the variable information is printed with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-luminescent ink.

12. The system claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of the variable information is printed with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-luminescent ink

13. The system claimed in claim 1, further including means for collecting payment for the printed variable payment information.

~~A~~ 14. The system claimed in claim ~~13~~³, wherein said means for collecting payment is a postage meter.

~~5~~ 15. The system claimed in claim ~~13~~³, further including: means for recording payments for the printed postal indicia.

10 ~~6~~ 16. The system claimed in claim ~~13~~³, further including:
a scale coupled to the postage meter to weigh the mail piece; and
a rate table coupled to the meter so that the correct postage may be computed.

~~8~~ 17. The system claimed in claim ~~13~~³, further including a data center that is coupled to
15 said collecting means so that additional funds may be remotely added to said means for collecting payment.

~~9~~ 18. The system claimed in claim ~~13~~³, wherein said means for collecting is a postal security device.

20 ~~Sal~~ ~~R3~~ 19. The system claimed in claim 13, wherein said means for collecting records collects variable security information.

~~7~~ 20. The system claimed in claim ~~16~~, further including a data center that is coupled to the rate table to update rates as required by the post.

~~14~~ 21. A method for paying for permit mail, said method includes the steps of:
 5 placing funds in a postage meter;
 printing a permit mail postal indicia with a postage meter; and
 deducting the value of the printed permit postal indicia from the meter.

~~15~~ 22. The method claimed in claim ~~21~~, wherein said printing step further includes the
 10 steps of:
 pre-printing a portion of the postal indicia with fixed information; and
 printing variable information within the postal indicia or within the vicinity of the postal indicia.

~~16~~ 23. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes
 15 the step of pre-printing the fixed information with a dual luminescent ink.

~~8~~ 24. The method claimed in claim 21, wherein the step of printing variable information
 includes printing the variable information with a dual luminescent ink.

~~18~~ 25. The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes
 20 the step of pre-printing the fixed information with a fluorescent ink and the variable information with a phosphorescent ink.

19 ~~26.~~ ¹⁵ The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes the step of pre-printing the fixed information with a phosphorescent ink and the variable information with a florescent ink.

5 ~~27.~~ ²⁰ ¹⁵ The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes the step of pre-printing a portion of the fixed information with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information with a non-luminescent ink.

10 ~~28.~~ ²¹ ¹⁵ The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of printing variable information further includes the step of printing a portion of the variable information with a phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information with a non-luminescent ink.

15 ~~29.~~ ²² ¹⁵ The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of pre-printing further includes the step of pre-printing a portion of the fixed information with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information with a non-luminescent ink.

20 ~~30.~~ ²³ ¹⁵ The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, wherein the step of printing variable information further includes the step of printing a portion of the variable information with a fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information with a non-luminescent ink.

The method claimed in claim ~~22~~, further including the step of:
adding additional funds to the postage meter.

The method claimed in claim ~~21~~, further including the step of:
adding additional funds to the postage meter from a remote location.

33. The method claimed in claim 21, further including the step of:
processing the postal indicia by the post.